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SENATE BILL

No. 672

Introduced by Senator Machado

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Section 10620 of, and to add Section 10013 to, the Water Code, relating to, water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 672, as amended, Machado. California Water Plan: urban water management plans.

(1) Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, known as the California Water Plan.

This bill would require the department to include in the California Water Plan a report on the development of regional and local water projects within each hydrologic region of the state *to improve water supplies to meet municipal, agricultural, and environmental water needs and minimize the need to import water from other hydrologic regions*.

(2) Existing law requires every urban water supplier to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan.

This bill would require an urban water supplier to describe in the plan water management tools and options used by that entity that will

maximize resources and minimize the need to import water from other regions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) The Department of Water Resources, through its contracts
4 for delivery of water from the State Water Project, has established
5 water entitlement objectives for approximately 4,200,000 acre
6 feet.

7 (b) Municipal, agricultural, and environmental water needs
8 have increased beyond levels anticipated in the California Water
9 Plan and the State Water Project has not developed water projects
10 that will yield the quantity of water established as water
11 entitlement objectives.

12 (c) The health, safety, and well-being of the people of
13 California will best be served by meeting the municipal,
14 agricultural, and environmental water needs of each hydrologic
15 region *to the maximum extent practicable* without diminishing the
16 resources of other regions that are necessary to meet the present
17 and future municipal, agricultural, and environmental needs of
18 those regions, *and while recognizing the continuing need in the*
19 *foreseeable future to move surplus supplies between regions in*
20 *order to meet the municipal, agricultural, and environmental*
21 *needs of the people of California.*

22 (d) The health, safety, and well-being of the people of the State
23 of California will best be served by employing current and
24 developing water treatment and conservation technologies and by
25 implementing the principles set forth in the Cobey-Porter Saline
26 Water Conservation Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section
27 12945) of Part 6 of Division 6 of the Water Code) to the maximum
28 extent practicable.

29 SEC. 2. Section 10013 is added to the Water Code, to read:

30 10013. (a) The department, as a part of the preparation of the
31 department's Bulletin 160-03, shall include in the California Water
32 Plan a report on the development of regional and local water
33 projects within each hydrologic region of the state, as described in



1 the department's Bulletin 160-98, *to improve water supplies to*
2 *meet municipal, agricultural, and environmental water needs and*
3 *minimize the need to import water from other hydrologic regions.*
4 The report shall include, but is not limited to, regional and local
5 water projects that use technologies for desalting brackish
6 groundwater and ocean water, reclaiming water for use within the
7 community generating the water to be reclaimed, the construction
8 of improved potable water treatment facilities so that water from
9 sources determined to be unsuitable can be used, and the
10 construction of dual water systems and brine lines, particularly in
11 connection with new developments and when replacing water
12 piping in developed or redeveloped areas.

13 SEC. 3. Section 10620 of the Water Code is amended to read:
14 10620. (a) Every urban water supplier shall prepare and
15 adopt an urban water management plan in the manner set forth in
16 Article 3 (commencing with Section 10640).

17 (b) Every person that becomes an urban water supplier shall
18 adopt an urban water management plan within one year after it has
19 become an urban water supplier.

20 (c) An urban water supplier indirectly providing water shall not
21 include planning elements in its water management plan as
22 provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 10630) that
23 would be applicable to urban water suppliers or public agencies
24 directly providing water, or to their customers, without the consent
25 of those suppliers or public agencies.

26 (d) (1) An urban water supplier may satisfy the requirements
27 of this part by participation in areawide, regional, watershed, or
28 basinwide urban water management planning where those plans
29 will reduce preparation costs and contribute to the achievement of
30 conservation and efficient water use.

31 (2) Each urban water supplier shall coordinate the preparation
32 of its plan with other appropriate agencies in the area, including
33 other water suppliers that share a common source, water
34 management agencies, and relevant public agencies, to the extent
35 practicable.

36 (e) The urban water supplier may prepare the plan with its own
37 staff, by contract, or in cooperation with other governmental
38 agencies.

39 (f) An urban water supplier shall describe in the plan water
40 management tools and options used by that entity that will

- 1 maximize resources and minimize the need to import water from
- 2 other regions.

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